

# Vacancy Announcement

## District Zone Assistant Fire Management Officers

Suppression AFMO and Fuels AFMO

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**USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region (R-2)  
Black Hills National Forest  
Hell Canyon Ranger District**

**The Hell Canyon Ranger District is outreaching to fill a  
High Complexity District Assistant Fire Management Officer (DAFMO) - Suppression  
AND  
High Complexity District Assistant Fire Management Officer (DAFMO) - Fuels**

The Hell Canyon Fire Management Organization is seeking motivated candidates to fill these critical positions in our management organization, District Assistant Fire Management Officer - Suppression and District Assistant Fire Management Officer - Fuels.

The District has a response area of 1.2 million acres across two states (WY & SD), five counties, and multiple federal land agencies (USFS, BLM, & NPS). The District averages 35 ignitions per year and has approximately 65 to 85 responses a year.

These appointments are permanent positions. The Duty Station will be Custer, SD.

The outreaches will extend until February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Referral lists will be requested March 1st. Please ensure "Custer, SD" is selected as the duty station.

\*Relocation Incentives may be available.

#### About the Position - **Suppression AFMO**

This position provides leadership for the operation of two Type 6 engine modules and one Type 3 engine module. The primary purpose of this position is to provide operational oversight and planning of wildland fire suppression activities, and specialized expertise in assigned zone/area. The incumbent is also responsible for preparedness, prevention, prescribed burning, monitoring, hazardous fuel reduction, and facilities within assigned zone/area. The incumbent also assists in writing and executing wildland fire management plans, prescribed burn plans, and preparedness plans.

#### About the Position - **Fuels AFMO**

This position provides leadership for 1 GS-7 PFT fuels technician. Primary responsibilities of the position are preparing and implementing prescribed fire plans, fire effects monitoring plans, manual and mechanical hazardous fuels treatments, and smoke and wildland fire use monitoring plans. The incumbent integrates prescribed fire/fuels management, smoke management, fuels modification principles and procedures, fire effects knowledge, and knowledge of scientific data collection and analysis principles into a comprehensive prescribed fire/fuels management program for a unit(s).

#### How to apply

These appointments are Permanent Positions. The Duty Station will be Custer, SD. The positions will be filled utilizing an Open-Continuous announcement. The vacancy announcement numbers for these positions are:

Who may apply	Announcement Number	Link to Job Announcement and Additional Information
Status	21-FIRE-R2OCR-DZAFMOH-89DH	<u><a href="https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/578628800">Suppression AFMO:</a></u> <u><a href="https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/578628800">https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/578628800</a></u>
Status	21-FIRE-R2OCR-DFUEL-89DH	<u><a href="https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/578632400">Fuels AFMO:</a></u> <u><a href="https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/578632400">https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/578632400</a></u>

If you are unable to select the links above, go to <http://www.usajobs.gov/> and enter the announcement number into the search window. The "How to Apply" tab will provide additional information.

Forest Service Fire Program Management (FS-FPM) Qualification Standards  
Under the Forest Service Fire Program Management (FS-FPM) Qualification Standards, the selectee must meet NWCG Incident Management Qualifications and the Additional Required Training as specified under FS-FPM for the position encumbered.

Key Fire Management Position: **District Assistant Fire Management Officer (Suppression)**- High Complexity

NWCG Incident Management Qualifications: Division/Group Supervisor (DIVS) and either Incident Commander Type 3 (ICT3) or Prescribed Fire Burn Boss 2 (RXB2).

OR

Air Support Group Supervisor (ASGS) and Incident Commander Type 3 (ICT3)

Key Fire Management Position: **District Assistant Fire Management Officer (FUELS)** - High Complexity

NWCG Incident Management Qualifications: Incident Commander Type 4 (ICT4) and Prescribed Fire Burn Boss 2 (RXB2).

For additional information on FS-FPM: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/management/ifpm/crosswalk.pdf>

### **FIREFIGHTER RETIREMENT COVERAGE**

This is a secondary firefighter position under 5 USC 8336(c) (CSRS) and 8412(d) (FERS). Prior wildland firefighting experience is required.

### **BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST**

The Black Hills National Forest is 1.2 million acres of forested hills and mountains. It is 110 miles long and 70 miles wide, approximately 87 percent of which are in South Dakota and 13 percent in Wyoming. The Black Hills has been a special place for many to come for physical and spiritual renewal. The Black Hills rise from the adjacent grasslands into forest dominated by ponderosa pine, spruce and aspen. The name "Black Hills" comes from the Lakota Sioux words, Paha Sapa - "hills are black". It is described as an "Island in the Plains" with the diversity of wildlife and plants reaching from the eastern forests to the western plains. The Forest boasts a good balance of multiple uses, and a wide range of recreation activities. Some unique features in the area include Devils Tower National Monument, Mount Rushmore National Monument, Crazy Horse Mountain, Wind Cave National Park, Jewel Cave National Monument, Badlands National Park and Custer State Park.

The Black Hills National Forest employs approximately 290 permanent full-time employees on four ranger districts and a supervisor's office. We are the largest forest in the Rocky Mountain Region in terms of budget, workforce, timber production and fire management. There are 12 engines, one hotshot crew, an air tanker base, one 10-person hand crew module, job corps hand crew, a Type 3 helicopter, and an interagency dispatch center on the Forest.

### **HELL CANYON RANGER DISTRICT**

The Hell Canyon Ranger District encompasses approximately 440,000 acres in the Southern part of the Black Hills. Timber harvest and related silvicultural activities is the largest resource program on the district. Average annual timber offer is about 20 million board feet. The district also has very active programs in lands and minerals, wildlife habitat improvement, recreation, cultural resources, and livestock grazing. Game species on the district include white-tailed deer and mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, Merriam's turkey, and ruffed grouse.

### **COMMUNITY of Custer, South Dakota**

Custer, South Dakota, population approximately 1800. Facilities in Custer include two grocery stores, five gas stations, a small hospital, a clinic, and two dentists. Churches include Baptist, Catholic, Lutheran, Seventh Day Adventist, Wesleyan, Church of Christ, and Non-Denominational. The community also offers one library, nine-hole golf course, one weekly newspaper, a post office, volunteer fire department, ambulance service, city offices, county offices and several local retail businesses. The school system is on a four-day school week and has an average graduating class of near 75. One elementary school (others are also located in Hermosa and Spring Creek), one middle school, and one high school are located in Custer.

The summers in Custer (Elevation 5300') are moderate with moderate rainfall and temperatures generally range from 60-90 degrees. Winters are mild with moderate snowfall and temperatures generally ranging from 0-40 degrees, with occasional below zero temperatures. Housing is available for purchase in Custer with prices starting at \$100,000 in town and \$150,000+ out of town. Rentals are limited with prices ranging from \$500-\$800 per month.

Tourism is a main industry in Custer and support services such as motels and restaurants are abundant. Nearby lakes offer boating and fishing, hunting, hiking, and rock climbing are some recreational opportunities offered in the surrounding area.

Rapid City is the nearest larger town with a population of 60,000. It is located 45 miles north of Custer and includes Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, shopping malls, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, a regional hospital and all other typical services found in a larger city.

You can also contact the Custer Chamber of Commerce at 615 Washington, Custer, SD 57730 or (605) 673-8844 or visit their web site at [www.custersd.com/](http://www.custersd.com/)

### **Additional Information**

If you are interested in applying to lead the Hell Canyon Fire Management Organization and would like more information, contact any of the following:

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